

Walter Johnson Sought  
For Comiskey's Outfit

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Griffen Return Home  
To Battle Westerners

## JOHNSON DESIRED BY CHICAGO, SAYS RUMOR FROM WEST

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—The second Western invasion for the Griffins comes to a close today with a double-header against the Browns and with a little hitting in the pinches, Griffith believes he will return to the home lot leading two opponents, the two who are behind now, the Browns seventh and the Athletics eighth. The first two games here were donated to the enemy because Allen Sothoron and Dave Davenport puzzled the batters, but unexpectedly yesterday the batting went on a wild journey and routed Tom Rogers for a 500 victory which caused the move from the bottom for sixth place.

The journey out in this section has not been a howling success for the Griffins. They fell into a slump at the first stop, and have not been able to recover their stride. When a club is under the 500 mark passing July 4, it is quite a task to get up and join the pennant leaders.

Of course, the Griffins, the Browns, and Athletics cannot be classed with the flag opponents for this season, so it means that Griffith will turn his attention to the future, to sound out the weak spots and try to strengthen them.

In this respect there is a big trade in the preliminary stage with the Griffins. It may be denied by Griffith, but the report is current here that Griffith is in conference with Comiskey. And then, also, it is known that Fielder Jones, with Phil Ball, a multi-millionaire in back of him, also is looking to the future.

Will Sell Johnson.  
The report which refuses to down is that Walter Johnson will be the price paid to strengthen next year's Griffins. He is the only player who would bring a fancy price in the playing value, and so they say, Johnson is to close his career with Washington this season.

Members of the Browns gave the open statement that Walter's speed is fading. They hit him hard when he pitched here Thursday, and naturally some day Walt must retire. So, then, wouldn't it be a good business move for Griffith to trade Johnson, with his team getting some players they need, in fielders and outfielders? Might as Johnson is, he cannot get the base hits every day to drive in the winning runs. He can pitch a wonderful ball, and still lose about games. Griffith insists upon denying the trade mentioning Johnson, but down here they say it is so far Comiskey has offered the highest price—cash and players.

West Needs Pennant.  
The West needs a pennant in the American League. It has not had one since 1909, when the Tigers were nipped in the world's series with the Pirates of Pittsburgh, and an inter-sectional world's series undoubtedly would attract a lot of interest.

Comiskey carries the cash to out-bid any magnate. Didn't he pay \$50,000 for Eddie Collins, and say he bought a bargain. Didn't he buy Joe Jackson when the slugger was on the market. If Walter really is on the market—oh, well, the White Sox are in the pennant running, and the only hope of the West to beat out the Boston Red Sox.

Harper Works a Trick.  
Harry Harper put on a trick which Johnson and Gallia couldn't swing when he blanked the Browns yesterday and came home with a 4-to-0 victory. Harper pitched his best game in several weeks and had the Browns swinging at the fast ones around the chin and hearing the call of strike on the curve which broke around the corners.

Then the batting picked up for the first time since the White Sox were beaten with four runs in the ninth inning. Four singles in a row were found against Tom Rogers, with Mencksky, Altmith, Harper and Judge delivering the drives and two runs came in the third inning.

In the second, Rios doubled and crossed the plate on a fly out, while in the eighth a walk to Foster forced by Miller, single by Rice and muff by Shellen and Gharriy's liner added two more runs to the tally.

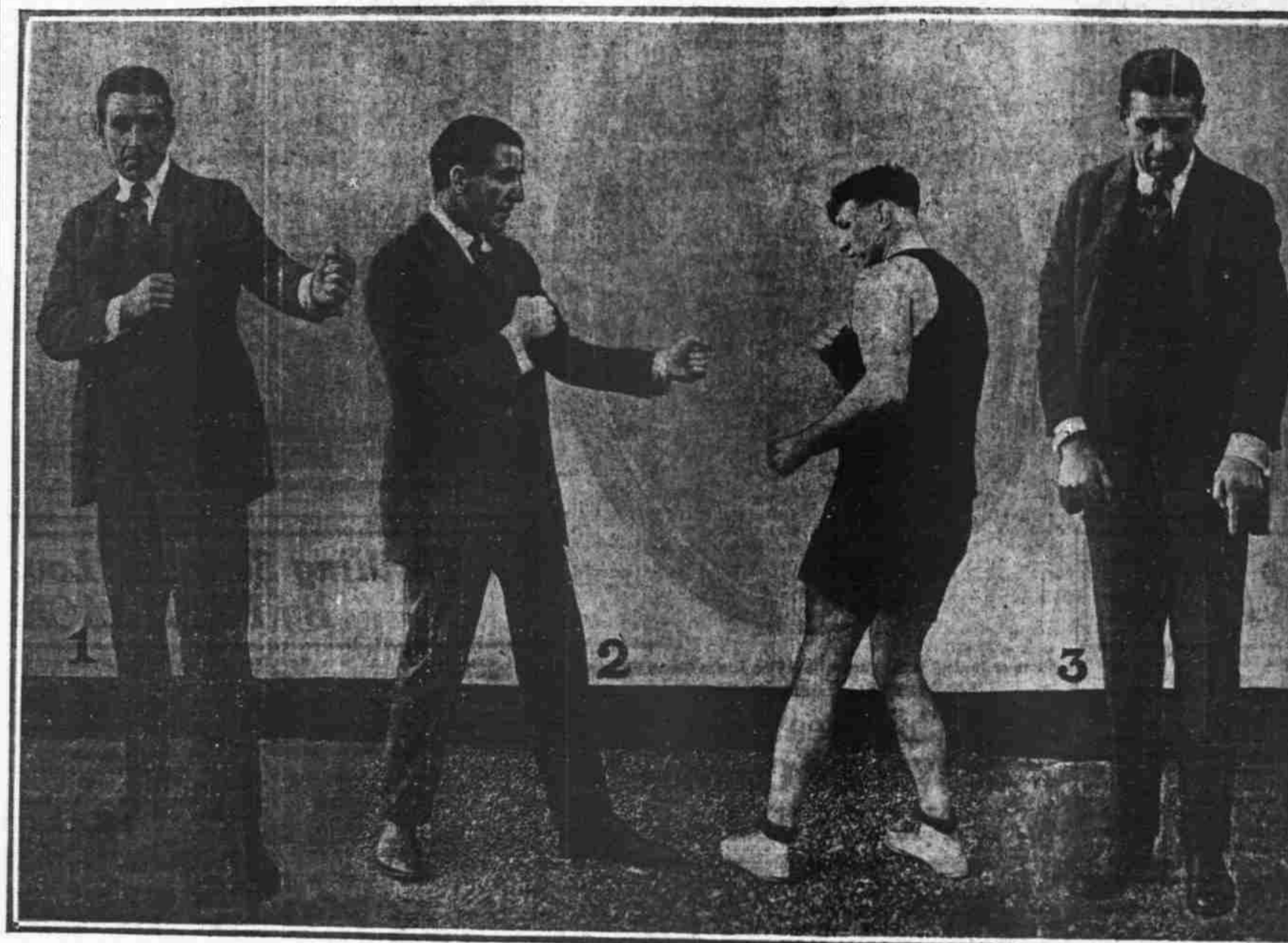
Jones intends to use Plank and Koob on the rubber today and Griffith will have Shaw and Davenport for delivery.

Washington, St. Louis.  
ABH OAE  
Judge 1b. 5 1 2 0  
Foster 2b. 3 1 0 0  
C. Miller 3b. 3 0 0 0  
Rios 4b. 3 0 0 0  
Shankas 5b. 3 0 0 0  
Leonard 6b. 3 0 0 0  
Mencksky 7b. 3 0 0 0  
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MAINTAINS LEAD.  
Racquet maintained its three-game lead over Princeton in the Suburban League series yesterday, both teams taking six out of seven from their opponents. Racquet played Home, Princeton defeated Holmdel, while Petworth took four out of seven from Argyle, and Standards the same number from Euclid.

## CORBETT ON THE ART OF SELF-DEFENSE



1. This is the way to place your feet. 2. Corbett in correct boxing pose. 3. Jim Savage in incorrect position. My feet are together and that is wrong.

### FIRST ILLUSTRATED LESSON ON THE ART OF BOXING BY JAMES J. CORBETT.

THE very first thing you must learn—and learn well—if you are going in for boxing, is to stand correctly. Always have your left foot forward, pointing directly at your rival. Keep the right foot back just far enough to give you a perfect balance.

To explain better the correct position for the feet, I have illustrated it with three different poses, as shown above.

Picture No. 1 shows the correct boxing position. No. 3 is the incorrect way—with feet together. In No. 2 I have posed with Jim Savage. Just to drive home better the force of my argument, I had Jim assume the incorrect foot position in that picture, while mine is correct.

Note that picture carefully. The way my feet are placed puts me in a position where I can jab quickly with my left hand or shoot over a right-hander by a quick step forward with my left foot. My balance is perfect. I can duck or sidestep quickly without losing my balance.

#### Savage's Position Handicaps Him.

The position that Savage assumed shows how handicapped is the man whose boxing position is incorrect. The only kind of blow he is in a position to deliver is a left-hand hook. If he tried to strike any other blow he would have to change the position of his feet, which would take time.

Furthermore, Jim's foe, knowing that Jim could move only to the right—the way his feet are pointed—would be quick to take advantage of that situation.

Never stand as I am standing in Picture No. 3. If you keep your feet together you will be unable to move quickly. Furthermore, you will not be balanced perfectly. Ducking or sidestepping when you are in such a position is almost impossible. If a solid punch lands on your head while you are standing that way you are bound to go down on the back of your head, as you have no support.

But if you will stand as I am standing in No. 1 the result will be different. My weight, as you will see, is evenly distributed there. I am perfectly balanced and cannot be upset with an ordinary blow. Secondly, I can move forward, backward, or sideways without an unnecessary motion.

#### Point Left Foot in Blow's Direction.

Always point your left foot in the direction your blow is going. If your foe moves around, keep shifting your left foot, that is always pointing at him. That is vastly important. If you fail to do that your position will be incorrect. Whenever you move forward make the first move with your left foot. Always remember to keep your feet in such a position that you will be perfectly balanced.

Keep your leg muscles relaxed until you are ready to jump in or out. Whenever you are merely "fiddling" relax your muscles. Failure to do this is the cause of so many boxers tiring and growing leg-weary before the bout has gone very far. They keep the muscles rigid at all times—a grievous error. Rest your muscles whenever you can. Don't strain them. Have them springy and pliant. Remember always that you must save your muscles until they are needed. Never waste an ounce of energy in useless straining.

## DIAMOND PLAYERS ARE SUMMONED TO BATTLE FOR FLAG

When the bugle summons the first great national army of 1917, it will find many athletes in line. Baseball players, golfers, swimmers, boxers, track athletes, and football players and coaches have been named in the first appeal of Uncle Sam, but so far as now known, no member of the Washington club has been selected for the initial draft.

The St. Louis Browns are likely to lose Dave Davenport, Yale Sloan, George Hale, Hank Severid, "Baby Doll" Jacobson, and Bill Rumber.

Buck Weaver, Ray Schalk, Chick Gandil, Charlie Risher, and Joe Jenkins have been called from the White Sox. Joe Evans from the Indians, Dave Robinson from the Giants, Roy Bates and "Cuckoo" Jamieson from the Mackmen, and Pennock from the Red Sox, Pfeffer, Cadore, and Sherrard Smith from the Dodgers, and O'Neill from the Indians.

## DONOVAN TO STICK WITH YANKEE TEAM

Bill Donovan will not be displaced as manager of the Yankees when his contract expires at the end of the 1917 campaign, as was reported from Chicago one day last week. William Fleischmann, vice president of the New York American League club, is authority for the statement that Donovan will be kept as long as he wishes to run the playing affairs of the Yankees.

"Donovan has run into a great deal of hard luck in the last few weeks, but he has done as well as any other man could with the material on hand," said Fleischmann.

"Donovan has done as well as he could under the circumstances, and I am at a loss to account for the report that came from Chicago that Bill's head was going to be chopped off. There is nothing in the rumor. The boys like Bill and they play their heads off for him. They have received the worst breaks of any team in the American League."

The Magee-Matana trade did not surprise me. I expected all along that Lee was going to get the gate. It couldn't be helped. Lee was of no material use to the club. I think we got the best of the deal with St. Louis.

## COLUMBIA AHEAD.

Columbia Country Club tennis players are sure winners in the Washington Tennis Association matches. Chevy Chase was downed in five out of eight matches yesterday. The singles matches were an even break, while Columbia took two out of three in doubles. Shannon and Dunlop played forty-one games in their singles match, Dunlop getting the decision.

## GAME SCHEDULED.

Washington Y. M. H. A. baseball players will meet the Richmond Y. M. H. A. in a regularly scheduled inter-city contest. The Washington boys will go to Richmond next Sunday.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

### AMERICAN.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Chicago	32	22	.591	649 679
Detroit	32	21	.605	724 656
Cleveland	28	27	.509	537 527
New York	27	28	.491	522 522
Washington	24	31	.436	512 580
St. Louis	23	34	.404	487 590
Philadelphia	23	30	.433	554 589

### Where They Play.

Today	Tomorrow
Wash. at St. Louis.	Phil. at Brooklyn.
Phila. at Cleveland.	St. Louis at New York.
N. Y. at Detroit.	St. Louis at Chicago.

### Yesterday's Games.

Washington 5, St. Louis 4.	Cleveland 1, Philadelphia 1.
Detroit 4, New York 1.	Detroit 1, New York 1.
Chicago 3, Boston 3.	

### NATIONAL.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
New York	31	21	.595	659 654
Philadelphia	31	20	.608	581 558
Cincinnati	30	23	.565	545 553
St. Louis	29	24	.548	522 522
Chicago	28	25	.526	524 524
Brooklyn	28	25	.526	473 473
Boston	25	28	.472	489 477
Pittsburgh	27	26	.538	523 521

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	St. Louis at Phila.

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Boston 3, Chicago 1.	New York 4, Pittsburgh 3.
Brooklyn 3, Cincinnati 1.	Brooklyn 1, Cincinnati 1.
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 1.	Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 1.

### BIG LEAGUE BIFFERS.

Club	AB.	R.	TS.	Ave.
Cobb, Tigers	3	2	3	1.000
Johnson, Robins	3	2	3	1.000
Cunningham, Tigers	1	1	1	1.000
Pratt, Browns	1	1	1	1.000
Hausch, Reds	4	3	4	.750
McKee, Reds	4	3	4	.750
Cruise, Cards	4	3	4	.750
Cuthaw, Robins	4	3	4	.750

### GAMES CALLED OFF.

Rex A. C. has called off the double-header at Columbia Park today on account of bad weather.

## OUIMET IS TEAMED WITH GOLF WINNER

MANCHESTER, Mass., July 22.—Francis Ouimet, holder of the Western amateur golf title, and Jesse Guilford, comprising the Massachusetts amateur golf team, yesterday defeated Mike Brady and Lewey Teller, the professional team, at the Essex Country Club by 3 up and 2 to play.

The credit of the win goes to Guilford, while Brady takes the honors for driving.

The play was even until the sixteenth hole, when Brady drove into a pit and Teller took three putts, losing the hole and the match.

### FROM THE BOX SCORES

Matty's Redlegs walloped the Dodgers twice yesterday.

Ed Klepper, of the Indians, made a hit yesterday, his first since April 19, 1916.

The Giants are today nine and a half games ahead of the Phillies. The White Sox are leading by two and a half games.

The Cardinals came to life and slammed the Phillies twice in the same place yesterday.

Bill Donovan's Yankees fell down twice yesterday before the Tigers, the second game being a slaughter.

Zack Wheat, the Dodgers' slugging outfielder, sprained his ankle yesterday and will be on the bench for a few weeks.

Maranville's brilliant fielding gave the tottering Braves a victory yesterday over the Cubs, 2 to 1.

### WINS TOURNAMENT.

Mrs. A. Winter's win in the weekly putting contest at Columbia Country Club gives her one victory on the "Leach" cup for the women's putting contests. Mrs. Winter defeated Mrs. L. E. Sinclair by 1 up. Mrs. Myer Cohen won the consolation.

## DAVENPORT SHOWS GOOD MOUND WORK IN THREE WEEKS

Since July 1 Dave Davenport, the Browns' big pitcher, who has been drafted for the big national army, has lost but one game, being beaten by the Yankees, 2 to 1. He has won four games.

On July 1 Davenport relieved Sothoron against the Tigers and allowed three hits and walked none. It was an overwhelming victory for St. Louis, 15 to 9, Willie Mitchell taking a prime beating.

On July 3 he went up against Stanley Coveleskie and won, 5 to 4, allowing eight hits, fanning three, and walking one.

His defeat by the Yankees, with Russell pitching, was recorded on July 9. Donovan's clan gathered five hits off him, with six of them whiffing and one walking.

On July 13 Davenport beat Joe Bush, of the Mackmen, in a tight duel, 2 to 1. The Athletics got six hits, five fanned, and four walked.

Hooked up with George "Goose" Egg" Foster, of the Red Sox, on July 16, Davenport emerged a winner, 2 to 0, letting the champions down with two bingles, fanning three, and walking four.

Then came his victory over the Griffins on July 20. He did not allow a hit for eight innings, but gave three in the final session. He whiffed two of the enemy and walked three, winning, 3 to 2.

Since July 1 Davenport has allowed nine runs, 26 hits, 13 free passes, and has fanned 22 opponents.

## GRIFFS OPEN STAY HERE WEDNESDAY WITH INDIANS

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The Griffins are coming home to Georgia avenue this week, Tuesday they will clash with Lee Fohl's Cleveland Indians, who will remain in Washington through Saturday and then take the growing Griffins to Cleveland for a battle next Sunday. This latter contest has been transferred from Washington to Cleveland by consent of Manager Griffith.

Tuesday is really an off-day in the American League, but Manager Griffith is taking advantage of it to play off one of the contests postponed from the first visit of the Indians to the Capital.

On their first visit here the Indians failed to upset the Griffins once. It rained the first day, calling off hostilities. Two battles went extra innings till darkness halted them. The other was won by the Griffins.

Leaving St. Louis tonight, the Griffins should arrive here tomorrow night, dispersing to their homes immediately. It is unlikely that any brass band will be at the station to greet them. Beginning Tuesday, Griffith's boys will hold home receptions until August 15, meeting the Indians, Tigers, Browns, White Sox and Yankees in succession. These coming three weeks should be busy ones for the Griffins, as they are weakening under the attrition campaign now going on in the American League.

Here is the order of the coming games at Georgia avenue:  
Indians, July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.  
Tigers, July 31, August 1, 2.  
Browns, August 3, 4, 5, 7.  
White Sox, August 8, 9, 10, 11.  
Yankees, August 13, 14, 15.

To come one Monday, the Griffins will be in a position to play at Detroit next Sunday. The Tigers will be unable to reach Washington in time to play Monday, and so that game will go over a day.

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